

advocate, but for the sole purpose of correcting your mistake, of reclaiming you from error, and of enlisting your services in the cause of the Redeemer in general, and in that of the denomination in particular. And we desire you further to understand, that we shall go on with our undertaking, whether you aid us or oppose us. You may misrepresent our intentions, if you choose, you may impugn our reputations, and you may conflict with our movements; but you cannot injure us, nor can you prevent the accomplishment of our plans. The improvement of the Ministry, and of the churches of the Baptist denomination in North Carolina will be effected, and by the means proposed, either sooner or later."

It must not be forgotten that there was a very sharp division just before the organization of the Convention, between those who favored and those who opposed, the organized work. We would class them to-day as "progressives" and "reactionaries." The discussion was very earnest, and, sometimes, bitter. This must be kept in mind, in order to understand the occasion for the strong, courageous expressions in the above paragraph.

THE FIRST MACHINERY.

Eighteen brethren were named as a Board of Directors. These were to have charge of the mission work which the convention decided upon, at once.

Rev. Samuel Wait was elected as the first General Agent. He was paid a small salary. His